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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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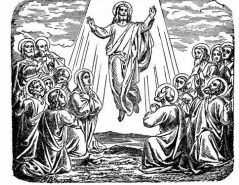
The Ascension of The Lord

June 1st, 2025

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



The Parish Office will have reduced hours on Friday, June 6th.

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 11am

Weekday Masses:
8am: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Holy Day Masses:
8am, 12:10pm, & 7pm

Confessions:
4:30pm on Saturday
or by appointment

Baptism & Marriage:
For arrangement please
contact the Parish office

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at Noon

Office Hours:
Mon. – Fri. 9am-5pm

Office Staff:
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Office Manager
John Hilmes
Office Secretary
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All Saints Academy
Kahiwalani Goetsch
Principal
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295 N. Clinton St.
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Dennis Litteken
Principal
900 N. Mater Dei Dr.
526-7216

Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

Websites:	St. Dominic Church	www.saintdominicbreese.org
	Diocese of Belleville	www.diobelle.org
	Knights of Columbus	www.breeseeknights.org
	Mater Dei High School	www.materdeiknights.org
	All Saints Academy	www.asasaints.com

Parish Council
Lynette Eilermann - Pres.
Dale Hempen - VP
Diane Kuhl - Sec.
Stacey Becker
Chris Holthaus
Connie Robben
Helen Essenpreis
Tony Antonacci
Barb Koopmann

Trustees
Suann Fields
Steve Usselman

Adult Servers
Nancy Huelsmann

Adoration
Rich Carlton

Altar Sodality
Maribeth Detmer-Pres.
Staci Becker (Matt) V-P

Men's Sodality
John Becker

Building & Maintenance
Dave Kruep
Adam Becker

Choirs, Cantors, Musicians
Leah Loddeke

Church Decorating
Kathy Heinzmann
Sue Darr
Lauren Melton

Extraordinary Ministers
Parish Office

First Friday/Homebound
Ministry
Parish Office

Finance Committee
Chris Holthaus

Golden Egg
Stacey Becker
Adam Becker
Katie Unverfehrt

Lectors
Rod Kloeckner

Liturgy & Stewardship
Committee
Mary Hoffman
Cindy Klein
Laurie Klostermann
Diane Kuhl
Carol Garner
Helen Essenpreis

Media Committee
Katie Unverfehrt

Community & Welcoming
Committee
Dot Bauman
Diane Grapperhaus
Katie Unverfehrt
Lynette Eilermann

Prayer Ministry
Parish Office

Rosary Leaders
Connie Robben

Sacristans
Helen Essenpreis
Dot Baumann
Amy Koch

Servers
Parish Office

Spiritual Formation
Diane Klostermann
Laurie Klostermann
Connie Robben
Helen Essenpreis

Ushers
Rich Eilermann

Youth Faith Formation
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry
Erin Ethridge
Rhonda Pulver
Paris Hempen

Picnic Executives
Jeff Niemeyer
Adam Becker
Katie Unverfehrt

Schedule for June 1st - June 7th

Sunday - 1	Monday - 2	Tuesday - 3	Wednesday - 4	Thursday - 5	Friday - 6	Saturday - 7
11am - Graduates Mass	No Mass	8am - Mass 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Liturgy Committee in Annex	8am - Mass Please register your child for the 2025-2026 YFF school year.	8am - Mass	8am - Mass 7pm - Benediction	8:30am - Rosary 9am - Padre Pio 2pm - Wedding of Cole Sellers & Jenna Ratermann 5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

BANNS III: Jenna Ratermann & Cole Sellers

Saturday, May 31st

5:30pm: Vince Mensing

Sunday, June 1st

11:00am: Daniel Lampe
Dorothy "Susie" Holtmann

Monday, June 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, June 3rd

8:00am: The Souls in Purgatory
Adoration from 1-7pm

Wednesday, June 4th

8:00am: Louise Brueggemann

Thursday, June 5th

8:00am:
Living & Deceased of the Porter & Maddox Families

Friday, June 6th

8:00am:
Levi James as He Enters the Priesthood

7:00pm: First Friday Benediction

Saturday, June 7th

8:30am: Rosary

9:00am: Padre Pio Mass

2:00pm:

Wedding of Jenna Ratermann & Cole Sellers

5:30pm: Joe Voss

Paul & Mary Ann Meyer
Brent Grapperhaus
Jim Kaulig

Sunday, June 8th

11:00am: Theodora Wilke

Weekend Mass Attendance

170 Disciples at Saturday Night Mass

+

208 Disciples at Sunday Morning Mass

378 Total Disciples this Weekend!

This Week's Stewardship

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$5,844.00
Loose	\$297.00
Online	\$3,294.00
Sunday Contributions	\$9,435.00

Seminarian Fund	\$598.00
Communication Campaign	\$35.00

Needy	\$70.00
Tuition Assistance	\$433.00
Misc. Blue	\$30.00

Building	\$1,485.00
Cemetery	\$45.00

Thank you for your generous donations

39th Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Elsie Niemeyer, Congratulations!

St. Dominic Church Steeple Lightscape Project

With the approval of the Parish Council, a committee is forming to look into illuminating the Church tower & steeple with LED lighting. Funds will be raised for this project to accentuate the beauty & historic architecture of our Church for residents and visitors alike.

For more information, please call Dave Grapperhaus (618)304-6935.



This year is the golden jubilee anniversary of Fr. Patrick Peter's Priestly Ordination on June 7, 1975. If you would like to send him any congratulatory cards, please mail them to 402 Vine St. Sandoval, IL 62882.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES!

The Parish Office would like to congratulate Emily Niemeyer & Corey Richter on their election to the ASA Schoolboard. May the Holy Spirit guide their heart and decision making for the next few school years.

If anyone would like to send any congratulatory cards to Fr. Jim, he is celebrating 38 years in the priesthood. Any cards you have can be dropped off or mailed to the St. Dominic Rectory at 493 N. 2nd St. Breese, IL 62230.

St. Dominic would like to invite all those graduating from college, high school, middle school & kindergarten to a special Graduates Mass on Sunday, June 1st at 11am. Graduates from all schools are invited to attend this celebratory Mass.

We are seeking Lectors for the Tuesday Morning Nursing Home Masses at Breese Nursing Home. These Masses begin at 10am every Tuesday. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Jan Deiters at (618) 978-2053.

If you still have quilts to drop off for the Parish Picnic, please bring them by the Parish Office breezeway with a label saying who was in your quilting group, & to mark it as being for the Bingo.

The Parish Office is now accepting Donations for the Picnic's Basket Raffle and for the I-Dood-It Stands. Please leave your donation or basket in the breezeway, with a note labeling to which stand it belongs too.

St. Dominic's Annual Parish Picnic

This year, the St. Dominic Annual Parish Picnic will take place Saturday, June 21st from 4pm until midnight, with Mass that day beginning at 4pm instead of 5:30pm. THE PICNIC IS NOT FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND THIS YEAR.

COME ENJOY THE FUN AT THIS YEAR'S PICNIC!

Music will be provided by The Jorrells, and the Cheers Band.

We will have our amazing refreshments for all ages from our Excel Soda stand and our lemon shakeup stand; along with having a stand for adult refreshments as well. There will also be snacks, funnel cake and our sandwich stand for whenever you get hungry during the Picnic. THERE WILL BE NO CHICKEN DINNER AT THE PICNIC THIS YEAR. Instead, they will have a fried chicken stand set up for anyone that would still like some.

The fun activities this year include inflatables, I-Dood-It, Cake Walk, Quilt Bingo, along with some adult games of chance.

This year will bring with it a few new activities as well including a Dunking Booth, Basketball Shoot, Golf Drive, Baseball Pitch and Football throw.

Wristbands: Purchasing a wrist band pays for inflatable rides all evening! You can buy one wrist band for \$20, two wrist bands for \$35 and additional bands for \$10 in advance at the parish Office during office hours until 5pm on Friday, June 20th. All wrist bands are \$25 the day of the Picnic.

Please go to SignUp Genius to volunteer at a stand to make the burden lighter for everyone that is involved.

AROUND THE AREA

Rummage Sale: It is time again for the St. Augustine Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale is running from Thursday, June 12th through Saturday, June 14th. More information to appear in next week's bulletin.

Quilt Raffle: St. Boniface Church in Germantown is holding a quilt raffle to give away 20 beautiful, handmade quilts on Sunday, June 22nd. Tickets are \$25, and only 500 tickets will be sold. You can stop by any of the Germantown Trust and Savings Bank locations to purchase your tickets.

Bingo: Clinton County Showcase is hosting Rock-N-Roll Bingo on Friday June 6th in the basement at V & H Bowling. This is a night of high-energy with music prizes & fun. Seating is limited, and tickets are \$25 pre-sale or \$30 at the door. Please visit www.onthestage.tickets/show/clinton-county-showcase/6817d8eb45c3140f636c00a4 for tickets.

Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR YFF AGAIN!

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) registration forms are available at the Parish Office, and also in the back of Church. Please turn your child's/children's registration form in by June 1st to receive a \$10 on their YFF tuition.

Youth Faith Formation is looking for two amazing volunteers to step up and be Catechists for all of our wonderful students seeking religious instruction for the 2025-2026 school year. The grades we are seeking volunteers for are the 4th & 5th grade classes. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Dan Robben at (618)604-3792 or email the Parish Office.

Youth Ministry

**Erin Etheridge 618-604-7640
Paris Stulir 618-910-4551
Rhonda Pulver 248-840-1857**

Please check GroupMe for updates and the schedule of upcoming Youth Ministry Meetings & Events.

The next Life Teen meeting is Sunday, June 8th at 6pm, at St. Anthony Parish Center in Beckemeyer.

The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 will hold a Rosary at 7pm on June 12th. The monthly meeting to follow Rosary

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17th at the St. Barbara's Parish Center in Okawville at 7:30pm.

Breese Knights of Columbus Breese Council is having a 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, June 29th at the KC Hall. Breakfast is being served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Dine-in tickets for adults cost \$12, and kid's tickets are \$6. All carry-out tickets are \$12. The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, and fruit

If you are interested in joining or would like more information on the Knights of Columbus, please contact Brian Kloeckner at grandknight@breeseknights.org.

NOW ACCEPTING SPRING CLOTHING

With the temperature rising, St. Vincent De Paul is accepting summer clothing, especially t-shirts, shorts, socks and undergarments, along with food.

There is a donation box in the breezeway between the Church & Rectory, and is accessible at all hours to drop off your items. **Please bring your donations in a bag that is no larger than a kitchen trash bag, or use one of the bags that is next to the donation drop boxes.** That way whenever the clothes and food are collected they are easier to load and unload.

Thank you for helping St. Vincent De Paul.



Pro-Life Corner:



"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you..."

God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Pro-Life Roses: If you would like a Pro-Life rose put on Mary's Altar for an expectant mother & her child, please contact the Parish Office with the name of the parents and the expected due date of the child. The Pro-Life roses are provided by the Parish Office and are free of charge.

Vocations Corners

"I was blessed to attend strong Catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ. However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, "OK, I will do it". Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase."

Sister Gaudia Skass
Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (Krakow, Poland)
Columbia Magazine, May 2016

Discernment is the process of prayerfully discovering what God's will for our lives. It is an essential part of coming to know our vocation.

Do you have questions about vocational discernment? Check out our resources or contact our vocations director Fr. Joel Seipp at (618)687-2012 or pastor@sasmboro.org

Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad

Lay men and women are invited to an online Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30pm CT. Discover how our Master of Arts and certificate programs in theology can deepen your understanding of the faith and support your call to ministry or discipleship. Visit saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.

Everyone is invited to attend the Priestly Ordination of Levi James on Saturday, June 7th at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. Please join us there to show our support, especially with Levi gracing us at St. Dominic with his presence as a Seminarian.

Come & See Retreat - Dominican Friars Central Province in St. Louis: October, 24th-26th.

A Come & See is a sixty-four hour immersion experience into the rhythm of Dominican religious life. Much like the first disciples, a Come and See often provides that "gut" experience which offers the visceral clarity that is the goal of discernment and the only true test of whether or not your home is with the Dominicans. You will meet friars, ages ranging from twenty-three to well into their eighties, as well as a range of participants who, like you, ask the same questions. Between the shared experiences of the religious and those at your place in discernment, you cannot put a price on what you gain—a wealth of insight. Be one of the forty to fifty men who will take advantage of the opportunity this year.

To register, contact Fr. Samuel Hakeem, O.P., at vocations@opcentral.org

Around the Area

Fair-Trade Market: The next Fair-trade market is scheduled for June 14th & 15th, after the 5:30pm & 11:00am Masses. 15% of ALL sales will be divided between our Sister Parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Guatemala, & House of Manna. Some products available include: coffees, chocolates, Palestinian olive oil, cocoa, teas, Haitian banana paper greeting cards, and more.

St. Francis' Parish Picnic is Saturday, August 2nd.

Aviston's Mass will be at 4pm that night with their Picnic Dinner beginning at 3:30pm and lasting until 6:30pm. Quilt Bingo begins at 6:30pm, with every game being for a quilt. There will be raffles, baskets, refreshments, & fantastic finds. Ethan Carl will be performing from 8pm until midnight. Come enjoy some family fun before summer ends.

A Spirituality of Transformation hosted Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 4:00 pm through Sunday, June 15, 2025, until 1:00 pm located at King's House at Our Lady of the Snows.

How do new life and new spirit appear in our lives? How do we grow, change, suffer losses and still remain resilient? How do we name our deaths, claim our births, grieve what's lost, let our losses bless us, and then receive new spirit for our lives? How do we learn to live peacefully inside of our own skins? Our faith offers us two rich secrets: The paschal mystery and a spirituality of grieving. This retreat will examine these.

The cost of the retreat is \$240, the cost of which includes your stay at the guest house along with your meals during the retreat.

Grow closer to God! Pick up a copy of the devotional publication *The Word Among Us* and spend 5 to 10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God in your life. Copies are located at the Church exits.

The Word Among Us features uplifting and thought-provoking meditation based on the daily Mass readings.

The Late April through May issue is on the gifts given to us through Christ's Resurrection, and the title is, "I Raise You Up."

Around the Diocese

Schedule of Upcoming 2025-2026 Healing Masses

St. Charles/St. Michael/St. Barbara (Scheller) - 7/15/25

St. Felicitas/St. Rose/St. Francis - 9/16/25

St. Teresa (Marydale)/St. Mary (Carlyle) - 11/18/25

St. Mary (Mt. Vernon), St. Mary (Centralia), St. Lawrence - 1/20/26

St. Anthony (Lively Grove)/St. Barbara (Okawville) - 3/17/26

St. Anthony (Beckemeyer)/St. Dominic/St. Augustine - 5/19/26

St. Cecilia/St. Boniface - 7/21/26

St. Elizabeth/St. Teresa (Salem) - 9/15/26

Spiritual Formation

May is Mary's month and we will again be saying the Rosary before every Mass .

Looking for a way to serve and make a difference? Join one of our church ministries and use your gifts to bless others and grow in faith. Whether it is distributing the Body & Blood of Christ to your fellow disciples, your children assisting Fr. Jim as Altar Servers or spreading the Word of God as a Lector, there's a place for everyone to contribute in a ministry !

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office to reserve a date. Mass intentions are \$10 per intention.

If you love saying the Rosary , or want to learn how to pray it, and about the meaning behind all the Mysteries, consider checking out the Rosary in a Year Podcast (It's Free!)... or it is also on the Ascension App. Fr. Mark Mary's soft voice will teach you about the biblical readings behind the Mysteries and help you to enjoy it even more.

Interested in diving deeper into the Holy Bible? Listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's "Bible in a Year" podcast on Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. Broken into 20 minute episodes, Fr. Mike reads the Bible and shares his reflection on the passages read, and what we are able to learn from them.

Interested in learning about the Catechism? Fr. Mike Schmitz's is hosting a Catechism in a Year podcast. Listen on Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. If you want to understand more about what it means to be Catholic, Fr. Mike will guide you in better understanding the Catechism and how it pertains to our lives.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR JUNE 7TH & 8TH

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Kent Robben Rich Eilermann Don Deiters Mark Hitpas Ric Koopmann Dan Duncan	Bobby Niemann Noah Varel Maribeth Cowgill	Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Pat Voss Kate Unverfehrt Mike Nettemeier Donna Nettemeier Susie Hempen Maggie Timmermann	Lector: Rich Carlton Organist/Cantor: Darlene/Anne A. Gift Bearers: Greg & Debbie Meyer
Sun. 11:00am	Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Jeff Foppe Yvonne Foppe Laurie Klostermann	Amelia Unverfehrt Addison Pollmann Easton Pollmann	Karen Lager Beth Bedard Jane Jansen Eric Detmer Diane Klostermann Diane Grapperhaus Mary Ellen Detmer Frank Richter	Lector: Shelly Toennies Organist/Cantor: Evelyn/Steve K. Gift Bearers: Helen Essenpreis